

consumer protection with the Department of Law and Public Safety of New Jersey. There, he managed five practice groups: consumer fraud prosecution, insurance fraud prosecution (civil), securities fraud prosecution, professional boards prosecution, and debt recovery. He supervised approximately 80 deputy attorneys general. In 2005, he was promoted to the Attorney General's front office. There, he acted as an advisor to the Attorney General on sensitive legal matters related to ethics and appointments.

In 2007, Judge Shipp was appointed as a United States magistrate judge for the District of New Jersey. As a magistrate judge he presides over civil and criminal pre-trial proceedings. He also presides over civil trials, with the consent of the parties. The ABA Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary gave Judge Shipp a rating of substantial majority "Qualified," minority "Not Qualified."

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 1 minute.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I ask unanimous consent to have 1 minute, then, too.

Mr. LEAHY. I have no objection. In fact, I will give a courtesy to the Senator from Iowa that he did not give to me, and I will be happy to yield 1 minute.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LEAHY. Usually, Mr. President, it has been my experience that in 37 years in this Senate, as the second most senior Member here, if a Senator wants to come and attack another Senator, they have the courtesy of giving him notice before they do. I am sorry my friend from Iowa didn't follow the normal courtesy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, for my 1 minute I will respond simply to that by saying that I am talking about the institution of the Senate and not one single Senator personally.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, how much time do I have remaining?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has 25 seconds.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I yield to no Member of this body in the fact that I uphold not only the rules but the courtesies of this Senate. As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I have never cut off a Member of the other party who wished to speak, unlike some of the procedures they followed when they held the chair. I have never refused to have a Member of the other party bring up an amendment, contrary to the procedures they followed when they chaired it.

I believe in the Senate. I believe in the rules of the Senate, but especially I believe in the comity that Thomas Jefferson believed in, in this body; otherwise, the Senate would fall apart.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and

consent to the nomination of Michael A. Shipp, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second? There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH), the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER), the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY), the Senator from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN), and the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) would have voted "yea."

Mr. KYL. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH), and the Senator from Illinois (Mr. KIRK).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) would have voted "yea."

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mrs. HAGAN). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 91, nays 1, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 182 Ex.]

YEAS—91

Akaka	Graham	Murray
Alexander	Grassley	Nelson (NE)
Ayotte	Hagan	Nelson (FL)
Barrasso	Heller	Paul
Baucus	Hoeven	Portman
Bennet	Hutchison	Pryor
Bingaman	Inhofe	Reed
Blumenthal	Inouye	Reid
Blunt	Isakson	Risch
Boozman	Johanns	Roberts
Brown (MA)	Johnson (SD)	Rockefeller
Brown (OH)	Johnson (WI)	Rubio
Burr	Kerry	Sanders
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Schumer
Cardin	Kohl	Sessions
Carper	Kyl	Shaheen
Chambliss	Landrieu	Shelby
Coats	Lautenberg	Snowe
Coburn	Leahy	Stabenow
Cochran	Levin	Tester
Collins	Lieberman	Thune
Conrad	Lugar	Toomey
Coons	Manchin	Udall (NM)
Corker	McCain	Vitter
Cornyn	McCaskill	Warner
Crapo	McConnell	Webb
Durbin	Menendez	Whitehouse
Enzi	Merkley	Wicker
Feinstein	Mikulski	Wyden
Franken	Moran	
Gillibrand	Murkowski	

NAYS—1

Lee

NOT VOTING—8

Begich	DeMint	Kirk
Boxer	Harkin	Udall (CO)
Casey	Hatch	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CONRAD. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY CORUM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Madam President, I come before the Senate to recognize the entrepreneurial spirit of Mr. Larry Corum of London, KY. After serving in the United States military for over 20 years, in 1990 he opened a printing business and now is the manager of the London-Corbin Airport. Both his economic leadership and steadfast service to Laurel County make him a valuable asset to the London community.

Born and raised in Clay County, KY, upon his graduation from high school in 1958, Larry attended Sue Bennett College and Eastern Kentucky University. After graduating from ECU in 1965, he joined the U.S. Air Force and became an officer. While in his first years of service, Larry married his wife, Lois. Throughout his 20-year military career, the couple traveled around the country with their two children, Chris and Gienah. Finally in 1989, he retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel and settled in London, KY.

In 1990, Larry opened an American Speedy Printing franchise in the London Shopping Center. After acquiring Durham Printing in 1998, the name of the company changed to Allegra Print and Imaging. In 2008, Larry left the business, entrusting his son, Chris, with running the day-to-day business operations, and became manager of the London-Corbin airport, which is the sixth-largest airport in the State of Kentucky.

Larry has served on many boards in the Laurel County area such as the American Red Cross, the United Way, SCORE, the London-Corbin Airport, Saint Joseph-London, and the executive board of the Chamber of Commerce. His contribution to the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce stemmed from a desire to grow the community economically. Through the Chamber of Commerce, Larry was able

to make an economic impact in London and improve the lives of his fellow Kentuckians.

Today, it is my honor to recognize Mr. Larry Corum for his contribution to the Laurel County economy through his own small business and his extensive service to the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce. His dedication to the community has made London, KY, an attractive area in which businesses can invest and grow. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. Senate to join with me in celebrating Mr. Larry Corum's service to the greater Laurel County, KY, area.

A recent article published in the Chamber News, a publication of the Laurel County-area newspaper the Sentinel Echo, highlighted Mr. Corum's accomplishments. I ask unanimous consent that said article appear in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Chamber News: The Sentinel Echo, May 30, 2012]

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: LARRY CORUM

Larry Corum has served as manager of the London-Corbin Airport since February 2008. The airport is the sixth-largest and one of the busiest general aviation airports in the state of Kentucky. It serves as one of the important gateways for business and commerce to Laurel County and eastern Kentucky.

In 1990, Larry moved to Laurel County with his wife, Lois, and children, Chris and Gienah. Seeing a business opportunity and using his wife and sister for labor and as partners, he opened an American Speedy Printing franchise in the London Shopping Center. The business began to grow and was able to move to a stand-alone building on South Main Street in 1994. In 1998, a second building was acquired through the purchase of Durham Printing and the business name was changed to Allegra Print and Imaging. After completing college, both Chris and Gienah joined Larry in the business. Larry continued in the business until 2008, when he turned over the operation to his son, Chris, who has added sign-making capability. He now operates the business under the name of Allegra Print Sign and Design.

Larry grew up in Clay County, graduating from Clay County High School in 1958. He later attended Sue Bennett College and Eastern Kentucky University, graduating from ECU in 1965. Larry worked several jobs while completing his education, including teaching school in Clay County, Cleveland, Ohio, and Miami, Fla. In 1967, Larry joined the U.S. Air Force and became an officer. He then married his wife, Lois, and they began a grand adventure together traveling the world and making a career. In 1969, Larry was awarded his wings, assigned to an airplane in the strategic air command and moved to a permanent military base. Over the next 20 years, Larry served the Air Force as a flight crew member, flight instructor, flight evaluator, and command evaluator in the EC, KC, and RC-135 Aircraft. Larry, Lois, and their children lived in or visited most all of the 50 states and many foreign countries. Larry retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel and the commander of the 384th Transportation Squadron, McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kan., in 1989.

Larry's involvement in the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce began when he opened his business in London with a rib-

bon cutting in 1990. He was later invited to join the board of directors. In addition, he has served on the board of the American Red Cross, the United Way of Laurel County, SCORE, London-Corbin airport, Saint Joseph-London, and the executive board of the Chamber. Larry is an active member, Sunday school teacher, and deacon of the First Baptist Church of London.

Larry believes that London and Laurel County is one of the best places in America to bring up a family and grow a small business. He feels that the Chamber can and will help with growth and community improvement. He is proud to be a member of this community and the London-Laurel County Chamber of Commerce Executive Board.

TRIBUTE TO COMMANDER JEFFREY SMITH

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, today I rise in recognition of U.S. Navy CDR Jeffrey Smith, captain of the USS *Kentucky*. Commander Smith, a Kentucky native, is the youngest commanding officer of an *Ohio*-class submarine. The commander has accomplished great feats in his naval career and he proudly represents the State of Kentucky with everything he does. I know he is especially honored to command the ship that bears the name of our beloved Commonwealth.

Commander Smith was born in Covington, KY, and moved to Independence, KY, shortly thereafter. Upon graduating from Simon Kenton High School, he attended Xavier University and then transferred to the University of Kentucky. In 1995, Commander Smith graduated with a degree in physics and was commissioned in the Navy, where he began nuclear power training in Florida.

His dedicated service to the U.S. Navy brought him to the post of commanding officer of an *Ohio*-class submarine. The youngest man in his position, Commander Smith leads both the Gold and Blue Teams and is charged with overseeing the drills, maintenance, and day to day operations of the USS *Kentucky*.

Respected as a leader by his crew, Commander Smith also makes time to share his love of his State, the namesake of the submarine, with his men. After each announcement, it has become his trademark to lead the men in a round of "Go Big Blue" cheers. A true Kentucky Wildcats fan, he loves to talk University of Kentucky basketball and "bracketology" with his men come NCAA Tournament time. By sharing some of these beloved hallmarks of the Bluegrass State, Commander Smith not only shows his own pride in being a Kentuckian, but also provides his men a sense of attachment to the place for which their ship was named.

Commander Smith, besides being an avid UK Wildcats fan, enjoys reading, playing video games, and spending time with his four children. He credits his interests and leadership capabilities to his education from the University of Kentucky. From physics and engineering courses which enable him to

effectively operate the ship, to psychology courses which allow him to understand his men and their attitudes in different situations, a diverse educational and experiential background allows Commander Smith to lead his men effectively.

It is my privilege today to recognize a Kentuckian who has truly devoted his life to the service of this Nation. A rising star in the U.S. Navy, CDR Jeffrey Smith has committed himself to excellence and to proudly representing the State of Kentucky. I ask my colleagues in the U.S. Senate to join me in saluting U.S. Navy CDR Jeffrey Smith.

A recent publication by the University of Kentucky newspaper the Kentucky Kernel highlighted the accomplishments of the Commander. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that said article appear in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From University of Kentucky, Kentucky Kernel, July 3, 2012]

USS KENTUCKY'S COMMANDER IS A PROUD UK ALUM

(By Sarah Geegan)

There's just no telling where an education from the University of Kentucky can take you.

For U.S. Navy Cmdr. Jeffrey Smith, the journey that began at UK has taken him around the world and deep below the ocean's surface, as captain of the USS *Kentucky*, a nuclear submarine.

"Having been born in Kentucky and growing up there, I can't imagine any pride greater than serving as commander of the ship that bears my home state's name," says Smith, whose parents and sister still live in Kentucky.

Born in Covington and raised in Independence, Smith graduated from Simon Kenton High School and attended Xavier University for a year before transferring to UK. After graduating in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in physics, Smith was commissioned in the Navy and went to officer candidate school in Pensacola, Fla., where he began nuclear power training.

At 39, Smith is the youngest commanding officer of an *Ohio*-class submarine. The *Kentucky*—560 feet long and 42 feet in diameter, and producing around 18,000 tons of displacement—is about the size of the largest ships that worked during World War II. It has a crew complement of 160, and it is capable of sinking more than 800 feet and traveling faster than 25 knots. ("That's pretty much freeway speed for a submarine," Smith says.) The *Kentucky*'s primary mission, as a strategic nuclear deterrent, is to provide a credible, survivable launch platform for ballistic missiles from sea.

The ship is really a world of its own, Smith says, and it's a complex world with tens of thousands of moving parts. For the commander of the *Kentucky*, a day's work involves taking care of the ship and making sure its crew members are prepared for any situation they could face while at sea.

"Life aboard a nuclear submarine is all about mitigating risk, while still making sure that you are able to perform your mission," Smith says. "A submarine at sea is really a dangerous environment. Everywhere within reach, there are cables carrying high-voltage electricity. There are pipes containing rapidly moving sea water. There are